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Applicants: Akinobu Sato, et al.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a three-month extension of time in which to submit this Response to Office Action. This extension extends the deadline for submission until January 19, 2012. Payment of the fee by credit card is being authorized concurrently with the submission of this communication.



David N. Lathrop

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the office action mailed July 19, 2011 (referred to herein as "Office Action").